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TO: EACH SUPERVISOR
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CATF-2/USA-2 URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM RE-CLASSIFICATION

The purpose of this memo is to advise your Honorable Board of the Los Angeles County Fire Department's CATF-2/USA-2 Urban Search and Rescue team's successful re-classification as an "International Heavy-USAR Team" after a rigorous five-day evaluation by a multi-national team of classifiers from the United Nations.

As a result of their success, over the next five years CATF-2/USA-2 will maintain their status as one of only two Urban Search and Rescue teams in the United States to be classified by the United Nation's International Search and Rescue Advisory Group (INSARAG) to assist with disasters worldwide. The CATF-2/USA-2 will continue working directly with the United States Agency for International Development's Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

It is a source of great pride for our organization to provide highly specialized rescue response capabilities not only to the citizens of Los Angeles County, but worldwide.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (323) 881-6180.

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